

(b) whether the Government will begin the opening of the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road in 1112?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Government had promised to consider the question of providing for the work in the budget subject to the availability of funds. It is not possible to give the exact number of times such promises were given.

(b) Yes, if funds permit.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty.—How long had they been contemplating about this road?

Mr. President.—I hope this question will go to the Road Board. The Hon'ble Member can convince the Board and he will get an opportunity to make representations. There will be no more room for complaints of this nature because an amount once budgetted will not lapse for 5 years.

Quarrying charges of laterite stones.

135. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any quarrying charges are collected for quarrying laterite stones;

(b) what is the rate collected?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes, for commercial purposes.

(b) (1) Rs. 5 per acre for quarrying from private lands in towns, places within a radius of 1 mile from towns and on the sides of important public roads, and Rs. 2½ per acre in other places.

(2) 1 anna per cart load or as. 10 per 100 c. ft. for quarrying from poramboke lands.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what the principle underlying this quarrying is?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There are one or two principles. One is the State's right over the minerals which are reserved in the Government under the Settlement. The second is the possibility of the lands deteriorating by indiscriminate quarrying.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can we dig up clay? What is the rate for it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—2½ rupees per acre.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Arrange to understand that for private personal use no charge is made?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No charge is made.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—സ്വന്തം പുരവഴിക്ക് അവനവന്റെ സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നും കല്ലുവെട്ടുവാൻ ഹർജി അയക്കണമെന്നു നിർബന്ധമുണ്ടോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— ഇപ്രകാരം സ്വന്തം ആവശ്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടി സ്വന്തം സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നു കല്ലുവെട്ടുവാൻ ഹർജികൊടുക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ പല ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളും ഉണ്ടെന്ന് ഫർമെന്ററിനു അറിവു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലേ; വത്തിക്കൊള്ളാം.

Preponderance of Caste-Hindus in the Forest Department.

136. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reason for the preponderance of Caste-Hindus among the officers in the Forest Department;

(b) have not the Government issued orders to consider the claims of unrepresented communities in making appointments;

(c) have the Government taken any action for not obeying these instructions?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) The preponderance of Caste-Hindus among the officers of the Forest Department is probably to be accounted for by the fact that the bulk of them (who have over 15 years' service now) were entertained at a time when there was more literacy among the Caste-Hindus than among other communities. Such a presumption is supported by the comparatively small number of applicants of other classes for posts in the Department in those days.

(b) Yes.